TOWN OF HERNDON

Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community



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"DRESS UP HERNDON FOR THE HOLIDAYS" WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Herndon, VA (December 15, 2009) – The Town of Herndon's Cultivating Community Initiative (CCI) committee was joined by guest judges Mayor Steve DeBenedittis and Vice Mayor Connie Hutchinson for the fourth annual "Dress Up Herndon for the Holidays" Neighborhood Decoration Contest, sponsored by the CCI.

The judging panel circulated throughout town on the evening of December 14th to visit nominated homes and to award first-place winners in seven categories: Classical, Traditional, Colorful, Lights, Townhouse, Childhood Memories and Neighborhood Spirit.

"Dress Up Herndon for the Holidays" winning homes are as follows:

- Colorful 1375 Dominion Ridge Lane. A riot of color lights up this hillside home.
- **Traditional 823 Spring Knoll Drive.** Elegant greens, reds and whites, illuminated by floodlights.
- Classical 1020 Tyler Street. "This house looks just like a Christmas card," one judge said.
- Childhood Memories 1336 Summerfield Drive. Snoopy goes commercial again in this tribute to "A Charlie Brown's Christmas."
- **Townhouse 530 Early Fall Court.** A lot of lights in a small space result in a festive explosion of holiday spirit.
- **Lights 508 Hunt Way Lane.** Reds, whites, golds Santa can't miss this house when making his rounds.
- Neighborhood Spirit Homes on Spring/Nash/Bowers Lane. Once again this year, these neighbors demonstrate what the holiday season is all about.

Winning homeowners were presented with a festive sign, suitable for display, and will be formally recognized by the Mayor and Herndon Town Council at the January 12, 2010, public hearing.

The Cultivating Community Initiative is a program designed to encourage beautification and enrich the quality of life in the Town of Herndon's neighborhoods. Other events produced by Cultivating Community include the Yard of the Month Awards, the Good Neighbor Awards, the Herndon Garden Tour and the Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon. All programs are developed through the input of citizen volunteers.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. In 2006, the Town of Herndon was named among "the best affordable suburbs" in America by *Business Week* Magazine.

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